

Jim Leland

After working for Stauffer's Chemical for one year, he entered the United States Army, seeing combat in the Viet Nam War as an infantryman in the jungles and rice paddies of that country. He was discharged from the military service in February, 1972 and after returning home, went back to work at Stauffer's Chemical. Five years later he left that employment and obtained a job at Geneva Steel which he held for six years. When the work force at Geneva was reduced, he began farming for Cyril and Claude Hicken. He is presently working for them. (1986)

Wayne married Lauri Stricker July 26, 1974 and they were later divorced. Two daughters were born to this marriage, Kimberly Renee and Nancee Marie. Wayne has raised his two girls.

Wayne is active in the L.D.S. Church. He has been a counselor in the Sunday School presidency and is currently the president of that organization. He has served as Elders' Quorum Secretary, Cub Master in the Cub Scouts and as a Home Teacher. Wayne is an Eagle Scout.

Outdoor sports provide recreation for Wayne. He especially enjoys hunting, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, trapping. He finds pleasure in outdoor animals, raising chickens and rabbits.

ANNIE M. FISHER AND GEORGE A. FISHER

Annie Fisher was born on September 7, 1888, to William and Annie McMillan. Her father, William, served as President of the English Mission and had as a young missionary, David O. McKay who later became President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. Her mother, Annie Coleman McMillan, opened a store in Heber, staffed by Annie and her brothers and sisters, while her father served the church in England. Annie was schooled in Heber, worked at the Palace Drug, Heber Exchange, and helped in her sister Vilate's fashionable dress shop.

She married George A. Fisher on February 24, 1910, and had four children: Ford Davis, Wilson, Phyllis and Marjorie. Mr. Fisher was editor of the *Wasatch Wave*, a Forest Service Ranger serving in the Strawberry area, an elected state senator from Wasatch County.

ly, a member of the Heber City School Board, and was Secretary of the State Land Board in Salt Lake City for many years. They were owners of the Fisher Ranch, a cattle and sheep operation, and the Keeley township.

While they lived in Keeley, the Fishers' conducted Sunday School in the Keeley school house for those children unable to come to town in the 20's and 30's.

George A. Fisher passed away July 17, 1954. Later Annie returned to the Heber City valley and maintained her own home until her death at the age of 96. She was an inspiration to all for her independence and caring for family and community.

LUVERNIA VIRGINIA HARDS FISHER AND DONALD GAIL FISHER

Luvernia Fisher was born December 31, 1898 in Vernal, Uintah County, Utah. She was the first of eleven children born to Joseph James Hards and Susan LuVernia Hards O'Neil. Her sisters and brothers are Clara Afton, Matilda Jensigna, James Leland, Ernest Vivian, Agnes Edra, William Walter, George LyCurgus, Helen Leola, Ila May, Norma.

Luvernia was blessed on September 15, 1899 in Vernal, Utah by Grandfather William Walter O'Neil. She was baptized on July 30, 1910 in Roosevelt, Utah by Robert A. Powell, and confirmed by Gilbert Richardson.

Being the eldest of 11 children, the responsibility to help with the large family came early in life. She entered school with sister Afton at Glines in 1906 to 1908. Grandfather O'Neil was the first teacher there in 1885. The family moved to Cedar View in 1909. She walked the older children 5 miles to and from school until the end of the 4th grade. It was then she had to stay at home and help with an ailing mother and small children, ending her formal education.

Luvernia married Donald Gail Fisher on November 2, 1918 (Election Day) in Duchesne, Utah confirming her true Democratic Heritage since Grandfather O'Neil had been 3 times elected State Legislator from Uintah and Duchesne County. A dedicated

democrat!

Her first home was Gail's camp wagon which they lived in from November 1917 until January 1918, while they made the long trek across Strawberry with the horses and cattle to be delivered in Heber Valley. While Gail was pushing stock, LaVern hand-made white muslin curtains for the camp wagon. Having been a bachelor for some 27 years, Gail wasn't too pleased.

They arrived in Keetley, Utah in January where LaVern made a comfortable home in the old ranchhouse which had been the resting place for livestock for many years. It was a challenge which she never shrank from. She became a wonderful cook and homemaker for her own family, hired hands, and neighbors. She always had room for one more at the table. The years were lean but her thrifty ways made us feel rich. Her hand work and home canning were works of art. She received many blue ribbons for all of her talent. At age 81 she received a blue ribbon and excellence award for her final quilt made for daughter Doris.

After 20 years, life started anew in Heber with their 4 children, Neil, Bert, Doris, and Mary Lou. To help supplement income, LaVern took in boarders and later began a catering business for small groups. She was a marvelous cook and hostess and continued this until age 81. Her lovely home and gracious ways inspired all.

With both sons in the service, she worked many hours with Civil Defense and the Red Cross for which she was given several awards.

She loved politics from childhood. She served as Democratic Chairlady in Wasatch County and was honored by the National Committee in 1960. She served as Registrar for District 1 in Heber from 1939-1980 when at age 81, she asked to be released. Many of these years she was also Judge of Election. This was held in her home. At age 87 she still loves to talk politics.

Her favorite organization was the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She was so proud of her pioneer heritage. She was Relic Room Chairman for many years. She served on the Book Committee for the wonderful history of our county, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

LaVern helped organize the V.F.W. Auxiliary and served as President in 1952. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary and worked on the Hospital Committee during World War

II and Korean War.

She was a member of Midway Garden Club and enjoyed many years displaying their artistry at the County Fair. Her love for flowers showed in her displays.

Her favorite recreation until age 83 was playing bridge with Thursday and Friday Clubs where she was a Charter Member for some 50 years.

She was a Relief Society Visiting Teacher for many years in the Heber 3rd Ward and taught primary and was active with Boy Scouts in Keetley and Heber.

Beyond being a wonderful mother, she was a true friend and confidant to her children and grandchildren, guiding and teaching with understanding. She was always there with open arms and an open mind.

After Gail passed away in 1964, she enjoyed a beautiful tour of Europe where her son Bert was stationed in Germany, then Greece with the Air Force. Her children felt this was a special time for her to rebuild her life after Gail's many years of illness. It was truly a dream come true as she also toured France, Holland, England, Ireland, and Scotland.

She lived in her beautiful home until age 86 when her health began to fail. She is now enjoying her twilight years with her sons and daughters and grandchildren, making her home in Provo with son, Bert.

(Luvernia died July 16, 1986 in the Wasatch County Hospital and was buried in the Heber City Cemetery.)

Donald Gail Fisher was born March 5, 1891 in Park City, Summit County, Utah to David Fisher IV and Mary Ann McDonald. His sisters and brothers were Martha Lucinda, John David, James William, George Andrew, Florence, Ila May, and Craig. He was baptized on September 10, 1899 by F.W. Giles, and was confirmed by Joseph Rasband. He received his schooling at the one room school house still at the same location on Main Street in Heber.

Gail married LuVernia Virginia Hards on November 2, 1917 at Duchesne, Uintah County, Utah. The marriage was later solemnized in the Provo LDS Temple on March 27, 1967. Children born of this union: Neil, married Beatrice Goodfellow; Bert, married Donna Durrant; Doris, married Charles Gates; Mary Lou, married Kenneth Ryan.

Gail was a rancher and stockman most of his life. He worked for the stockmen of Wasatch County in his youth grazing horses and cattle into the Uintah Basin. His mother was widowed when he was in his mid twenties so much of his earnings went toward helping educate his brother, Craig and sister, Ila, and toward his mother's support. He built a small home south of the Fisher home for his mother to rent and help Ila through the University of Utah, a deed he never regretted. He was Government Brand Inspector for the area into Green River, Wyo. and the Uintah Basin. It was there he met LuVernia Hards. They had attended a dance social and he asked to take her home. Her reply, "I came with my aunt, I shall go home with her!" He did not know the aunt was younger than LaVern. Her father, of Cedar View, Utah, was the operator of the Government saw mill. Gail and LaVern were married the next year at Duchesne, Utah on November 2, 1917 in the Dentist Office on Election Day.

Their first home was his campwagon which was meticulous. He was a very good cook and trail boss. They spent their honeymoon at the George Wedig Ranch in Myton, leaving November 3, 1917 with the drive across the Basin to Heber where they arrived with the cattle and horses in January, 1918.

George, Gail and Craig formed a partnership at Keetley known as the Fisher Ranch. Craig later went in the Army and came back to Daniel to his own farm. Gail and George remained partners with Gail managing the ranch while George branched into State Politics.

The Ranch was "Heaven and Hell" to Gail. The long, hard hours and hardships were many but he always had his pal at his side. There were houses and apartments to rent, plus delivery of milk, butter, eggs and meat daily to the Park Utah mine residents, Keetley, and Park City. No one went without. If they could pay, they did, but Gail always smiled and whistled along his route. How he loved people and the Ranch. In 1938 he sold his interest to George and moved the family to Heber where he had purchased the William Coleman home at 379 South 1st East. Times were hard but he was a stickler for being on time for appointments and paying bills. Never did he neglect either one.

In 1939 he went to work for the State of Utah as carpenter and time keeper to build the Fish Hatchery at Midway. He cherished the comradery he had there with Dave Wright who was the

Superintendent.

When World War II erupted he went to work at the Remington Arms Plant producing amunition. When they cut back production he was with the Plant Fire Department for the duration of the war. It was a hard time for all. He was proud to see his youngest son, Bert enlist in the First Mormon Battalion in the Marine Corps. Then Neil, leaving a wife and two youngsters, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Detroit.

After Remington Arms closed their plant, he worked as a postal clerk at the Ogden Arsenal, Hill Air Base in Ogden. When the Post Office was phased out he went to Medicine Bow, Wyoming and worked for his son-in-law, Charles Gates, for 3 years. In failing health he spent the last years of his life at home where LaVern's loving care kept him alive and comfortable until his death June 17, 1964.

What a loving, honest, caring man he was. He loved his wife, home and children above all else. He always taught an honest day's work and a pat on the back are the greatest gifts you can give. He was an avid reader and had a beautiful sense of humor. His "yarns" and wit will always be cherished by his family and friends.

JANICE GARDNER

Janice Lee Gardner was born November 22, 1951 in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California, a daughter of Gene and Clara Reinsch Gardner. She was the fourth child in a family of eight. Her brothers and sisters are Carol, Joyce, Nancy, Gayle, Dell, David and Lynn.

Janice began her education in California in the First Grade and then her parents moved to Heber where she finished elementary and high school, graduating in 1969. She attended B.Y.U. for one year, then decided to quit and go to work for a while. She worked in Salt Lake City and in southern California as a medical computer technician and also during this time she worked on the Heber Creeper and rented snowmobiles to winter sportsmen for her father's business.

Janice returned to the B.Y.U. and majored in Art and Design, graduating in 1980. She then became employed at Intermountain